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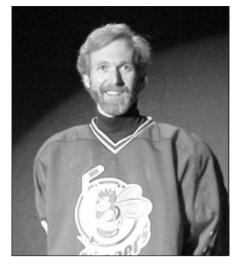
Cable Producer "Ices" the Competition

The hockey season may have ended for the Caps and hockey legend, Wayne Gretsky, but for Public Information staffer Michael Bruen, the season is still very much alive.

A producer for the County government's cable channel, Bruen fills much of his free time playing ice hockey with a men's team called The Washington Sting-The team,

playing many of its games at The Arc Ice Sports Arena in Rockville, recently won its division championship and is now preparing to compete in the Hockey North America tournament in Toronto, Canada in mid-June.

Bruen worked as an engineer for Texas Instruments in Dallas for two years in 1980 and then spent five years studying to be a Paulist priest in Washington, D.C. The Paulist Fathers specialize in communications, and Bruen was able to acquire considerable experience in the field of television and radio production. In 1987, his life took another direction



— and he left the priesthood worked for a while as a freelance TV producer and music composer.

In his current position, Bruen is responsible for producing shows for County Cable 55, as well as coordinating occasional live programming such as the annual operating budget press conference and the Kemper Open golf tourna-

ment, held annually at the Avenel golf course in Potomac.

Living in upstate New York, Bruen was not exposed to ice hockey until his college career. Although he didn't get serious about the sport until his sons, Patrick, 9, and Christopher, 8, started playing. After coaching both boys' teams, Bruen's interest in hockey resurfaced and he joined the Stingers' men's team in 1998.

Employees that are interested in playing ice hockey or finding out more about the league, can call Mike Bruen at 301-217-6542.

College Fair June 3

Thinking about getting - or finishing - a college degree? Want to improve your computer skills? Attend the County's Professional Development/ College Fair and see what more than 25 local colleges, universities, technical institutes and computer training schools have to offer. The Fair will be held on June 3rd from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Executive Office Building lobby level auditorium.

For more information, call Human Resource's Staffing and Organizational Development Services Team at 301/217-2722 (press 0)



Golf Tournament

Montgomery The County Coalition of Black Police Officers, Inc. is hosting its second annual golf tournament on June 11 at

The Links at Challedon golf course in Mt. Airy. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit a college scholarship program, with four scholarships being awarded during the school year, beginning in the fall of 1999.

The entry fee is \$75 per player, or \$300 for a foursome. Prizes will be awarded, and a continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

For more information, call Marcus Jones at 301-840-2490 or Rodney Barnes at 301-217-4387.



Overheard On the Elevator

Kudos to the Department of Corrections!

MAUREEN MORELLO, Emergency Communications Center of Fire and Rescue Services, was awarded International Certification in Instructional Design from the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials International, Inc. The organization also recognized REBECCA WELCH, Police Technician Supervisor for helping to develop training materials for the State's new Training and Certification Program for public safety communications staff.

Congratulations to **SHARON TREXLER**, Correction & Rehabilitation, who was married to Andrew Kaufman on April 22.

BILL ZEGOWITZ, Correction & Rehabilitation, was recently promoted to Correctional Specialist IV and will serve as Program Supervisor for Alternative Community Services and the Intervention Program for Substance Abusers.

The Department of Health and Human Services' Five for Kids, Too! program was recently awarded the Dannon Institute Award for Excellence in Community Nutrition in the category of children's programs with a "shoestring" budget, along with \$5,000 to further develop and expand its community objectives.

PATRICK BELL has been appointed director of Pension Investments of the Board of Investment Trustees. Bell replaces Julie Dellinger who retired in the fall of '98. Bell will oversee the investment programs of the County's retirement plans. He has been with the County since 1995 as a senior investment officer and has served as acting director since Dellinger's retirement.

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Silver Spring Summer Concert Series To Begin June 17

Once again, the downtown Silver Spring Urban District will be sponsoring its summer concert series on Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m., starting June 17 and running through August 19. The concerts will be held in Kughn Park at Ellsworth Drive and Fenton Street. For more information, call 301-217-3655.

June 17	Kathy Martin & The Hot Rods – rock and roll
June 24	The Platters – classic '50s and '60s super group
July 1	Bill Kirchen – local rockabilly star
July 8	The Marvelettes – Motown super group
July 15	Alex Fox & his band – Salsa rhythms
July 22	Harold Melvin's Bluenotes – Motown stars
July 29	Jambalay – Caribbean upbeat sounds
August 5	The Seldom Scene – D.C.'s own bluegrass group
August 12	U.S. Air Force High Flight – Broadway show tunes
August 19	Powerhouse Band – formerly "Bobby & the Braggers"

Merit System Protection Board Holds Annual Meeting

The Merit System Protection Board will conduct its annual public forum on Tuesday, June 8 at 3:30 p.m. in the third floor hearing room of the Council Office Building.

The forum is held each year to provide employees and others with the opportunity to present their views, concerns and suggestions regarding administration of the County's merit sys-

tem. The Chief Administrative Officer has authorized the use of up to two hours of administrative leave for employees who wish to attend.

Call 301-217-3470 to register to speak. Written comments may be submitted to the Merit System Protection Board, 100 Maryland Avenue, Room 113, Rockville, MD 20850



County Officials Visit Our Namesake's Memorial – While in New York City recently to visit bond rating agencies, County officials took some time to visit the monument to Richard Montgomery at St. Paul's Chapel – the oldest public building in continuous use in Manhattan. Although General Montgomery never stepped foot in our County, Maryland was the first of 16 states to name a county after the famous American Revolutionary. General Montgomery has more counties named after him than any military hero. Visiting the memorial above (left to right): Jennifer Barrett; Robert Kendal; Doug Duncan; Marilyn Praisner; Bruce Romer; and Rob Hagedoorn.



Firefighters Featured at Corcoran Exhibit – The men and women of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services were recently featured at a photo exhibit at the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. The exhibit, entitled "After the Fire," chronicled the work of Montgomery County firefighters and emergency medical services technicians. The images were captured by British photographer Steve Whystall, who spent six months accompanying the rescue workers during their daily routines. Attending the exhibit were (left to right): Chief Roger Strock; Whystall; Fire Administrator Gordon Aoyagi; and Chief Dave Dwyer.

Hispanic Employees Association Revived

The Montgomery County Government Hispanic Employees Association is in the process of revitalizing its organization. A series of meetings have taken place to discuss the role of the Association and the need for stronger representation on

key management committees in County government.

Watch for future announcements regarding meetings of the new Association. For more information, call Blanca King, 301-217-6745 or Luis Martinez, 301-840-9861.

County Firefighters, Police Honored By National Publications

The Baltimore Sun newspaper and Firehouse Magazine recently honored several Montgomery County police and fire-rescue workers for heroic deeds performed in 1998. On April 22, four County police detectives – Stephen D'Ovidio, Keith Matthis, Thomas Roberts and Marc Yamada – received recognition from the Baltimore Sun at the newspaper's annual law enforcement officers awards program. Each of the detectives was recognized for his role in solving high profile investigations.

In the April edition of *Firehouse Magazine*, eight Montgomery County firefighters/rescuers were

included in the trade publication's annual heroism and community service awards program. Four of those honored received cash rewards for heroic deeds ranging from \$500 to \$100 each. They included Master Firefighter/Rescuer Mark

McKenzie (\$500); Captain Walter Stottlemyer, Jr. (\$250); Firefighter/Paramedic Bernardo Gomez-Kling (\$100); and Captain Steven Miles (\$100). Five others — Firefighter/Rescuer III Thomas Aquino; Master Firefighter/Rescuer John Cooley; Master Firefighter/Rescuer Joe Fuller; Firefighter/Rescuer III Martin Fuller; and Master Firefighter/Rescuer Andrew Keller — received honorable mentions.

OHR Notes

Office of Human Resources

June 30 Deadline for Prudential Claims

A reminder to former Prudential POS participants: You have until June 30, 1999 to file claims with Prudential for out-of-network expenses incurred through December 31, 1998. 1998 claims must be received by Prudential by June 30, 1999, or they won't be honored.

June Open Season for Deferred Compensation

Save and invest for your retirement the easy way – with deferred compensation! Enroll, change your contribution amount, change providers, or add a second provider during the June 1-30 open season. Changes made during June will be reflected in your pay check of July 16, 1999. Information and enrollment forms are available in OHR, EOB 7th floor, or call 301-217-2563.

Documentation Required for Family Status Changes

You may request a change in your insurance coverage during a plan year based on certain changes in family status, if the request is made within 60 days of the family status change and if you provide specific documentation of the family status change. Family status changes include marriage, divorce, birth or adoption of a child, death of a spouse or child, or a change in your employment status or your spouse's employment status, including taking an unpaid leave of absence. Examples of required documentation include birth, marriage, or death certificate, final divorce decree or adoption papers, coverage information from your spouse's employer, etc., depending on the circumstances. If you're uncertain about what documentation is required, contact the Benefits Team at 301-217-2563 to find out what's needed before you request your insurance change.

Beneficiaries for Life Insurance

Please be sure you've indicated the beneficiaries you want for your life insurance, especially if you elected basic life or optional additional life insurance for the first time this year. If you're not sure your form is up to date, or just to be on the safe side, complete a new life insurance beneficiary form and submit it to OHR. Your new form will supersede any older form in your file. Forms are available in OHR, EOB 7th floor, or call 301-217-2563. Be sure to keep a copy of the form for your records.

HOUSE FOR SALE – Aspen Hill. Three bdr. rambler, completely renovated, with new carpeting, gas furnace, central A/C, W/D. Offstreet parking, covered patio, fenced yard. \$149,500, owner financing. Call Ruth, 301-871-1655, or

email: wolpert@cpcug.org

COTTAGE FOR SALE – Silver Spring/Rockville area. Two bdr., two bath, fully renovated, finished basement. Deck, driveway, exterior lighting, landscaping. \$125,000, will assist with closing costs. Call 301-315-0675.

TOWNHOUSE FOR SALE – Silver Spring. Three finished levels, 3-bdr., 2.5 baths, pool, tennis, volleyball/basketball courts. \$119,000. Call 301-847-1896.

TOWNHOUSE FOR SALE – Three bdr., office, 2.5 baths, large fenced yard, full basement. Close to schools, shopping, Metro. \$121,000. Call 301-921-0238.

TOWNHOUSE FOR RENT — Germantown. End unit, 3 finished levels, 3-bdr., 2.5 bath, fireplace, fenced-in backyard. Country kitchen, large deck, new carpet. Pool, tennis, easy access to I-270. No pets. Available July 1. \$1,150/month plus deposit. Call Brian or Robbin, 301-349-5367.

TOWNHOUSE BASEMENT ROOM TO RENT – Silver Spring. Full bath, private entrance. \$500/month, utilities inc. Call Sandie, 301-572-9450.

OCEANFRONT CONDO – Antigua at 85th St., O.C., Md. Spectacular ocean and bay views, two bdr., 2 baths, W/D, D/W, A/C, cable, balcony, pool, sauna. All amenities. Reasonable rates. Call 301-604-6865.

BETHANY BEACH TOWNHOUSE – Sea Colony. Two-bdr., sleeps six, quiet wooded area, one block from beach. AC/TV/VCR/W&D/phone. Use of tennis courts & pools. Available mid-June to mid-September. Rates range from \$425 to \$650/week. Call 301-572-4647.

OCEAN CITY CONDO – One bdr., sleeps 6, fully equipped kitchen, W/D. \$600/week. Call Rick or Dianne, 301-831-6203.

OCEAN CITY CONDO – 125th St., bayside. One-bdr., balcony w/view of canal. Close to beach, park, restaurants, stores. Call 301-946-3552.

VACATION HOUSE – Berkeley Springs, WV. Rent by week or weekend year-round. Charming house converted from barn, 3-bdr., bath, large deck, gorgeous views, sleeps 8. Hiking, health spas, swimming, tennis & golf. Call Pat, 301-587-5495.

ROOMMATE WANTED – share large townhouse in Germantown. \$520/month, inc. utilities, except phone. Call 301-916-2172 or 301-406-7281 (pager).

Backpage Bargains

County employees may submit ads, non-commercial only, with name and phone number to Information Office, 4th floor, EOB. **Ads may appear one time only**. Deadline for the next issue is June 25.

ROOM FOR RENT – Rockville. \$350/month. Call 301-309-0118 or 301-585-1079.

LAKEHOUSE FOR RENT – Lake Anna, VA. Three bdr., 2 bath, quiet, wooded subdivision with picnic area, boat ramp, private boat slip. Enjoy boating, swimming, skiing & fishing. Only 90 minutes from D.C. area. Call John 301-279-1234 or 703-478-0987.

'87 TOYOTA COROLLA SR5 – Sport Coupe, dark gray, auto, A/C, AM/FM stereo cassette with amp/equalizer, fog lamps, tilt wheel, two snow tires on rims, garage-kept, great condition. \$2,750. Call Mark, 301-279-1264.

'79 Z-28 CAMARO – excellent engine, straight body. Needs paint. 63k miles. Owned by mechanic. \$1,000. Call Grace, 301-217-7926.

'89 BUICK REGAL – 2 dr., V-6, Auto, A/C, AM/FM radio & cassette player, Md. inspected. New brakes, muffler. 98k original miles. Excellent condition. \$2,800/best offer. Call Jan, 301-774-9370.

'94 TOYOTA CELICA SL – all power, moon roof, AC, alarm, auto, ABS, AM/FM cassette, premium sound. Excellent condition, low mileage. \$12,900/best offer. Call Rick, 301-384-6170.

'96 CHEVY IMPALA S.S. – green, all original paperwork, immaculate, all options. 1,500 miles. \$24,500/firm. Call 301-279-1984 or 301-846-4299.

'92 MAXIMA SE – black, excellent condition. \$8,400. Call Denise, 301-527-0116.

'88 BASS BOAT – tracker, 100hp, Mercury engine, 16 ft. long. Silver gray. \$5,000. Call Angie, 301-217-6244.

FOR SALE – 48" round, oak pedestal dining table w/leaf, \$50. Apt. size chest type freezer, \$100. Dehumidifier, \$75. All in excellent condition. Call Mike at 301-260-0892.

BEDROOM FURNITURE – dark wood, long dresser w/triple mirror, two bedside tables, king size headboard. \$300. Call Janet, 301-540-4788.

FOR SALE – Nordic Trak ski machine, \$125. Proform Cross Trainer exercise machine with stair stepper, \$350/best offer. King size waterbed, dark wood frame with three drawer pedestal, \$200. Smith Corona electric typewriter, like new, \$35. Call Kathy, 301-217-2967 or 301-963-4527.

SOLARFLEX – total gym, excellent condition. \$300/best offer. Call Patti, 301-490-4551.

FURNITURE – contemporary sofa & chair, blue/beige, wide stripes, \$500/best offer. Also, contemporary-style entertainment unit, light oak, \$300/best offer. All in excellent condition. Call Patty, 301-217-2595.

FOR SALE – Cardioglide exercise machine, hardly used, \$130. Scotts self-propelled 6HP mulching lawn mower, cost \$300, will sell for \$150. Call 301-963-7872 or 301-217-2219.

FOR SALE – Sega Game Gear system inc. game and all accessories, \$50. Casio data bank personal organizer, \$20. Datrek "QUIVER" golf bag, \$30. Sega Genesis System, \$125. Aiwa Discman compact CD player, \$25. Pair street hockey sticks w/puck & ball, \$10. Call 301-253-1553, eves.

GOLF CLUBS – Walter Hagen Haig-Ultra woods, w/graphite shafts, #1, 3, 4 & 5, new grips, \$100. Also, Cobra #1 steel shaft driver, Ultra Mid, \$45. Call 301-774-3794.

CUISINART FOOD PROCESSOR – Model DLC-8F, Pro Custom II, with stainless steel discs and dough blade. White, excellent condition. Call 301-460-8515.

VACUUM – Dirt Devil 89200 upright with HEPA. Used less than one year, has 3-yr. service contract remaining. \$75. Call Adam, 301-798-0456.

MEDICAL ITEMS – shower chair, \$75. Bedside commode, \$35. Walker, \$15. Bed guard rail, \$10. Wood cane, \$5. All items new, in excellent condition. Call Janet, 301-540-4788.

FOR SALE – two garage doors, 7 ft. x 10 ft. New, still in box. \$350. Call Grace, 301-217-7926.

FRENCH HORN – made by King, two years old, one owner. Excellent condition. \$900. Call 301-217-3545 or 301-774-8315.

IN-LINE HOCKEY SKATES – Mission, size 10 narrow. Used only a few times, excellent condition. \$95. Call Ron, 301-424-5349 or 301-217-3520.

CAR COVER – for Corvette, perfect condition, \$50. Call Patti, 301-490-4551.

FOR SALE – all natural 100 percent organic compost. Perfect fertilizer for gardens. \$5 per bushel. Call Gayle, 301-217-2153.

FOR ADOPTION – two female cats. Sixyear-old, white w/black markings and oneyear-old orange tabby. Both de-clawed and spayed. Very affectionate. Would prefer they be adopted together. Current on shots. Call Beth, 301-738-8195.

WANTED – Ravens and/or Redskins tickets vs. Buffalo Bills. Call Stephanie, 301-217-3693 or 301-798-0008.

WANTED – inexpensive half-size student violin with bow and case. Call Adam, 301-798-0456.